

# A Probabilistic Broadcast Mechanism on Random Geometric Graphs



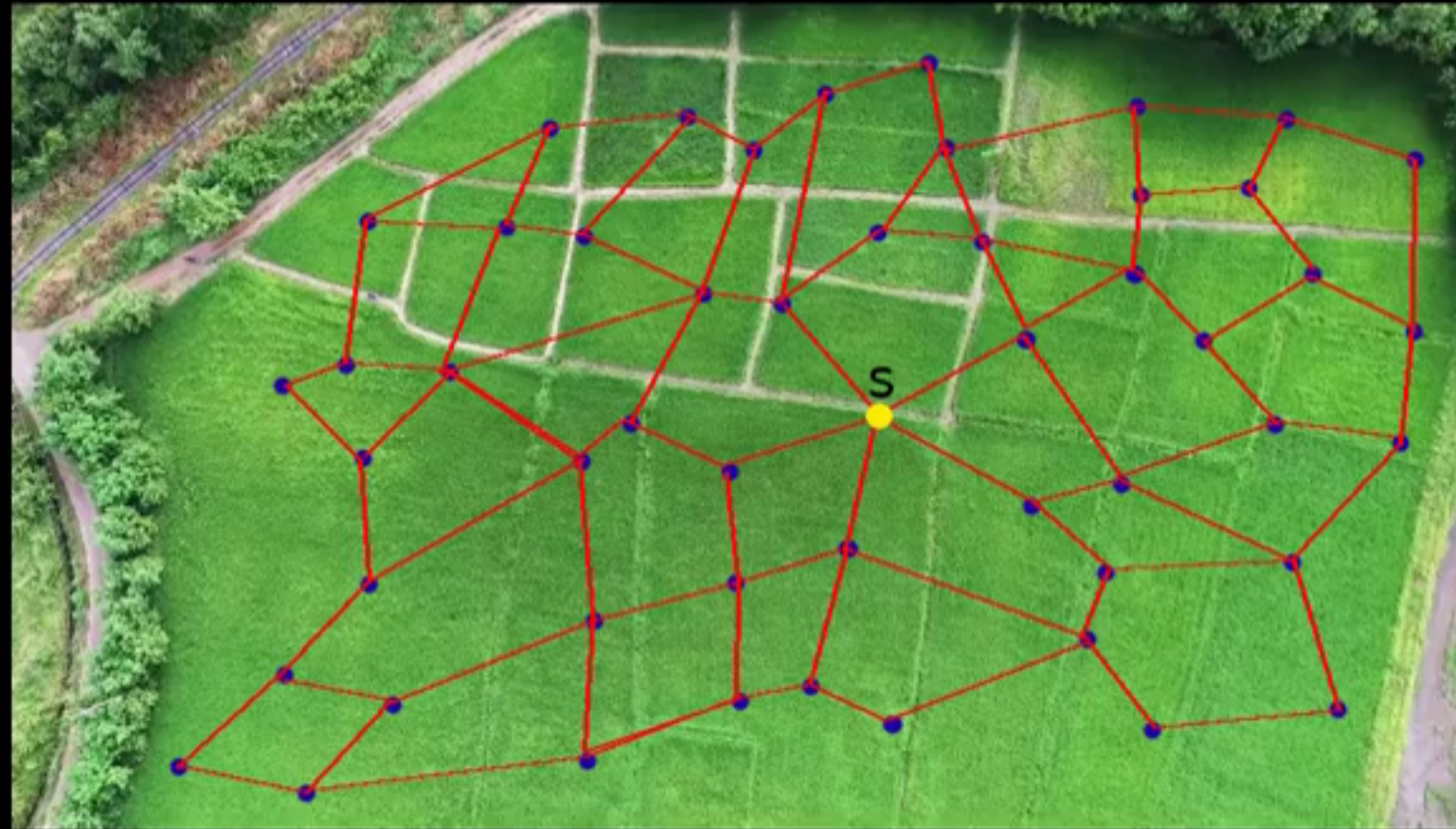
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# Motivation



Source has  $n$  coded packets

$n = 7$  packets

$X_1$

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**Broadcast information in the network**

with minimal number of transmissions

# Probabilistic Forwarding with Coding

## Coding scheme

- Source has  $n$  coded packets.
- Code is such that reception of any  $k$  out of the  $n$  coded packets by any node, suffices to recover the information from the source.

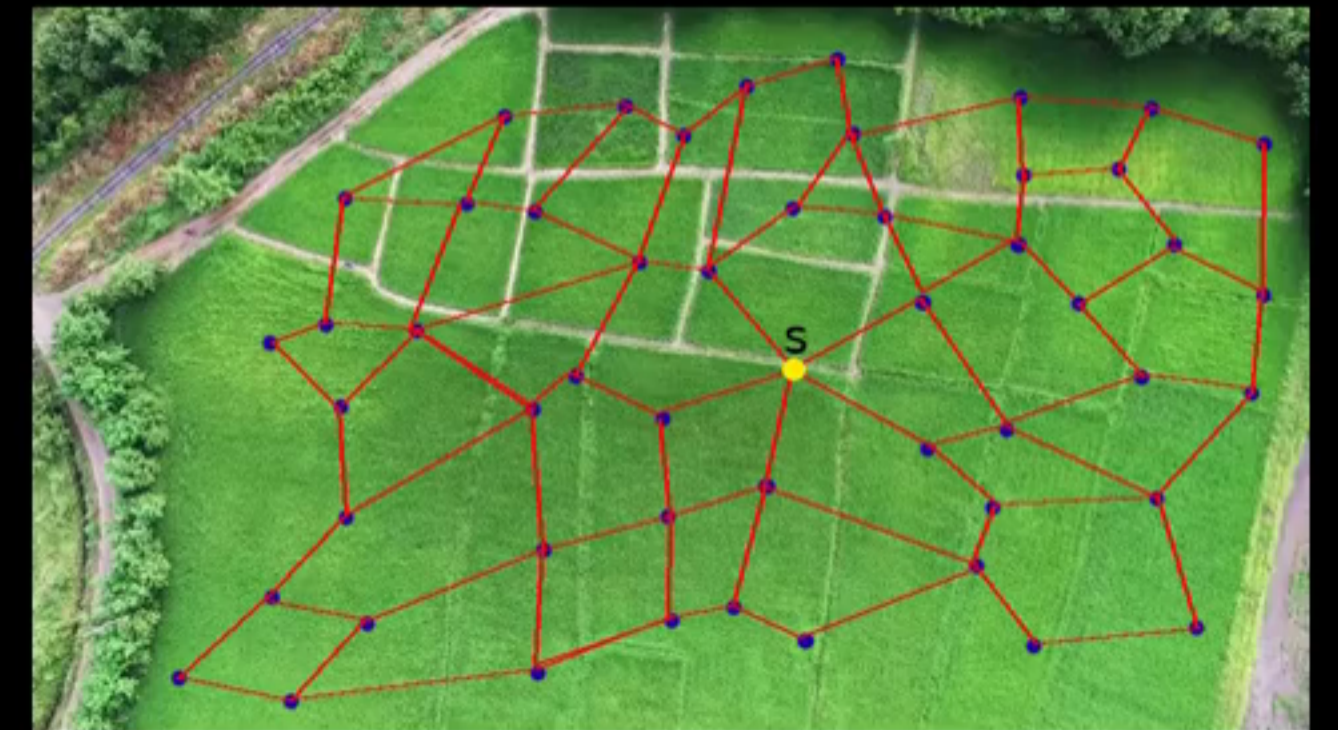
$n$  coded packets

•  $k$  received packets

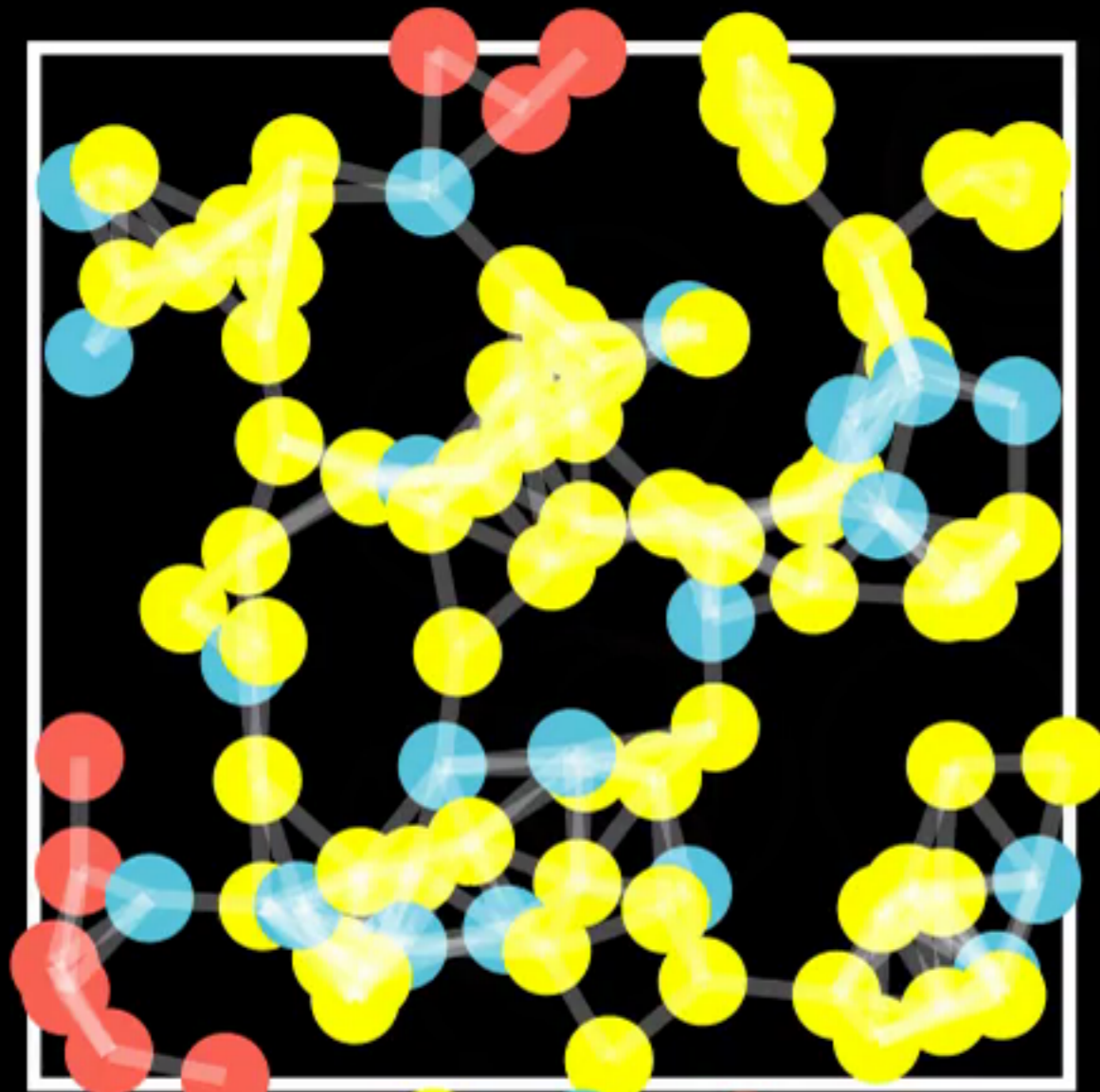


## Probabilistic forwarding of coded packets

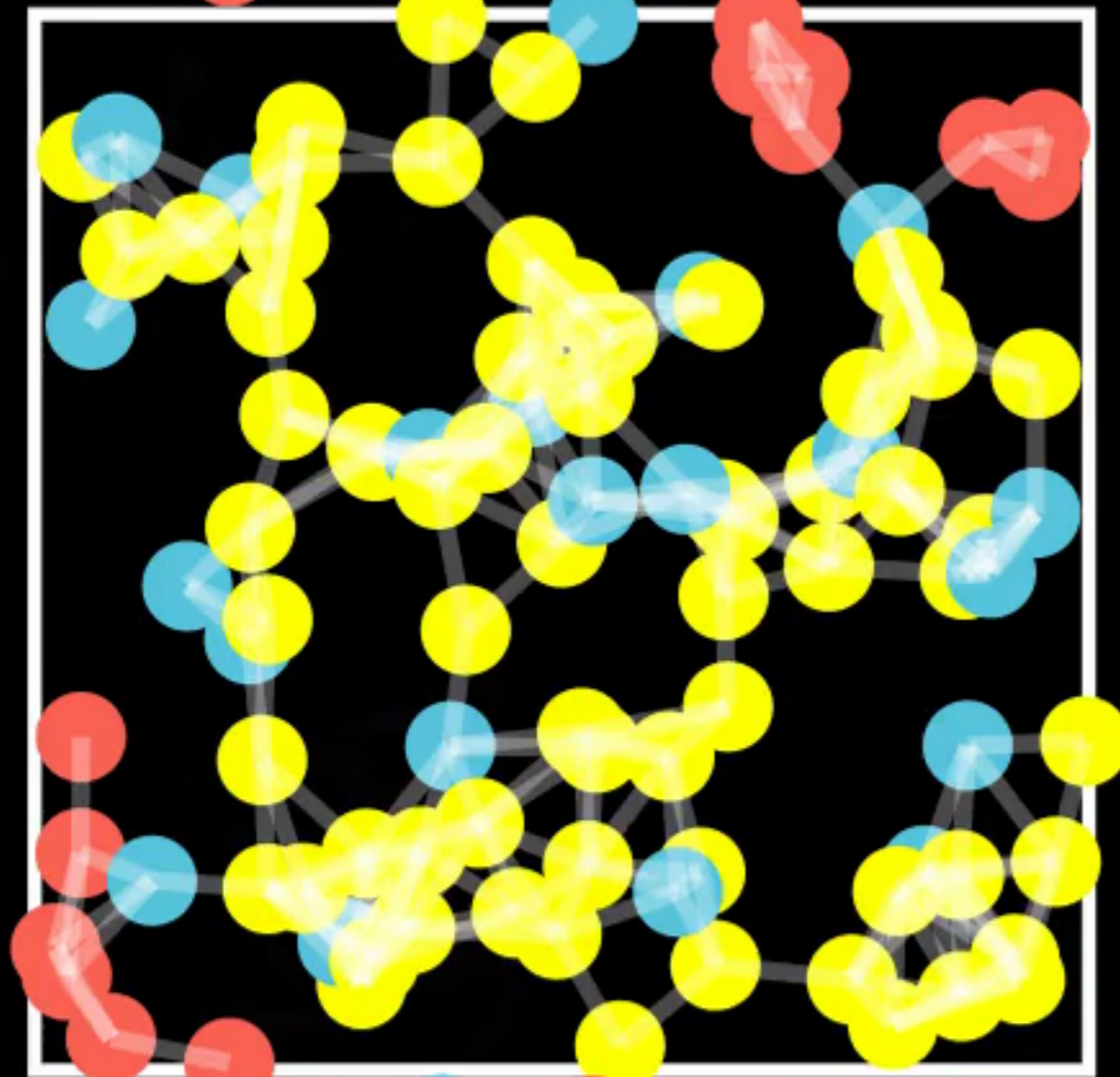
- Source transmits all  $n$  coded packets to its one-hop neighbours.
- Other nodes transmit each packet w.p.  $p$ , do nothing w.p.  $1 - p$ .
- Each packet is forwarded independently of other packets and other nodes.



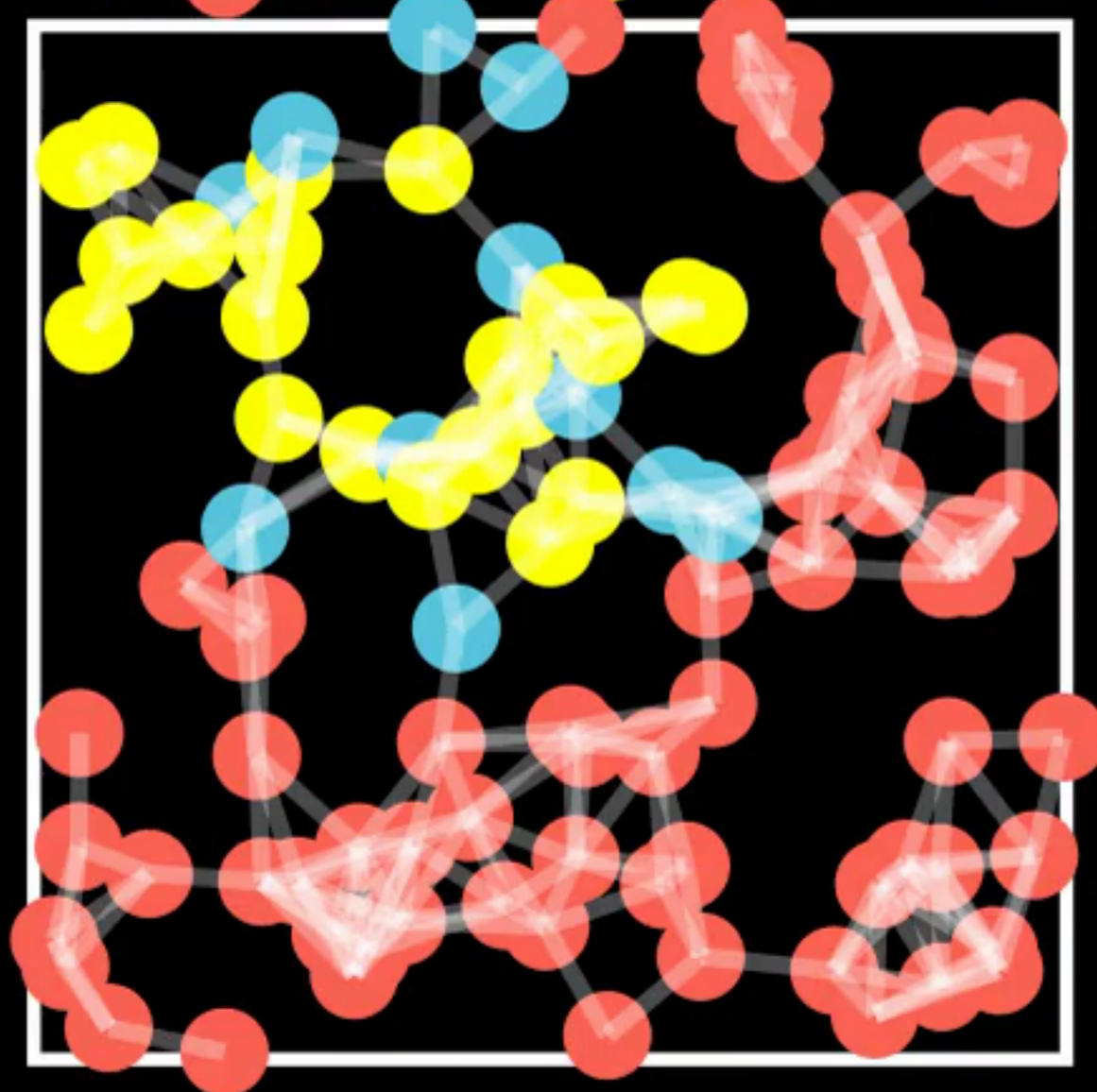
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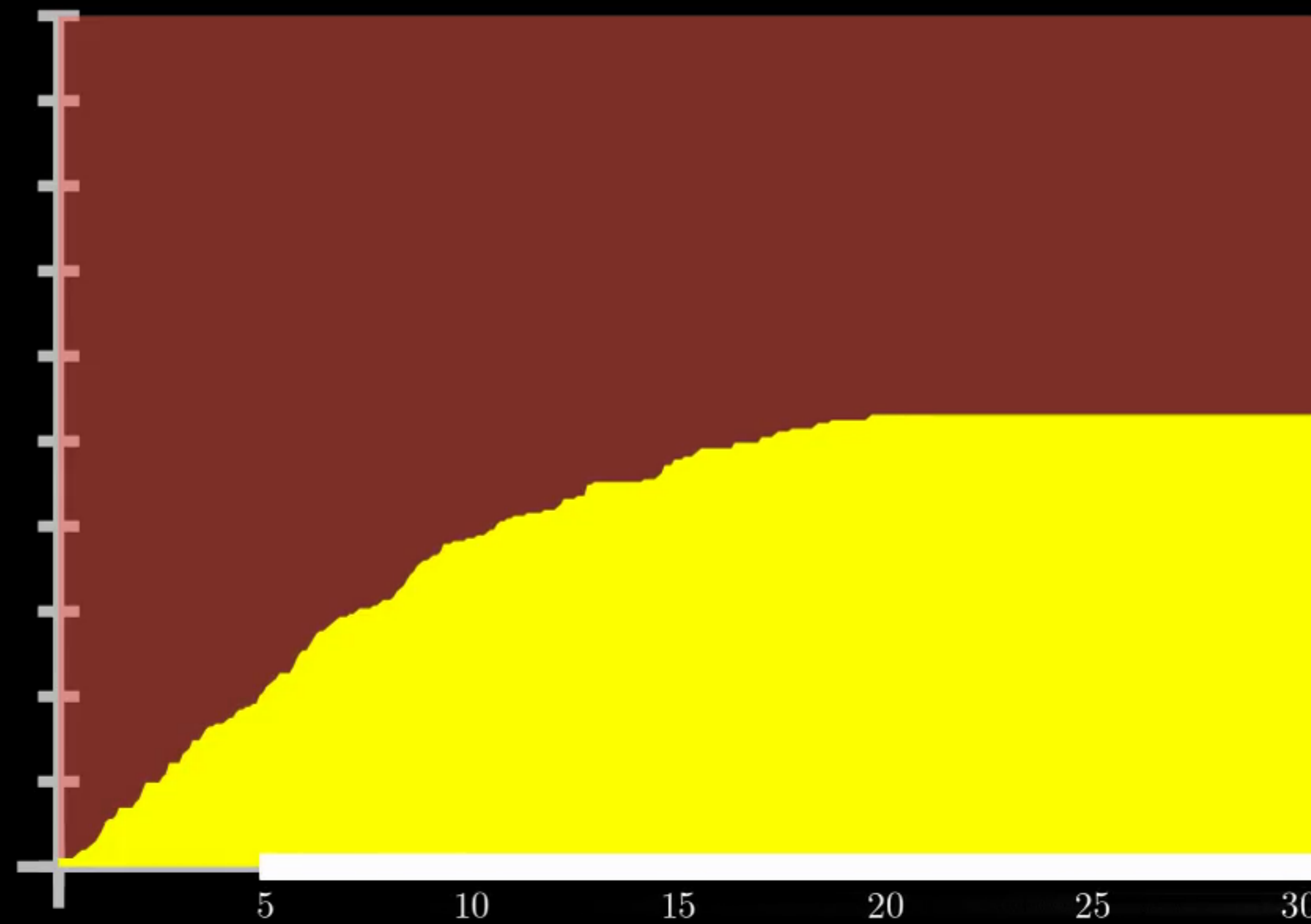
Packet 2: Y



Packet 3: X+Y

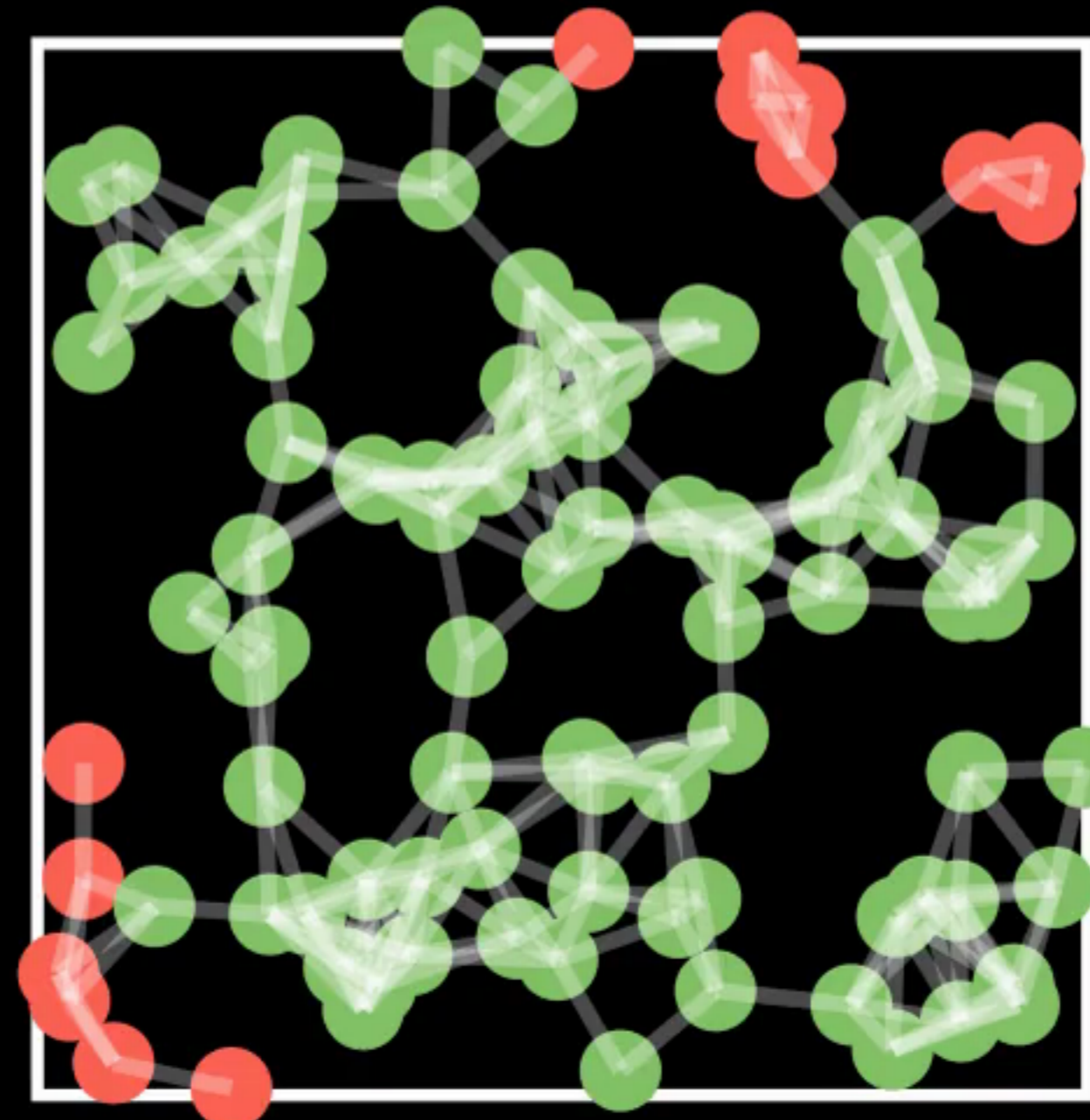


Forwarding probability  $p = 0.72$



# Transmissions = 161

Fraction of receivers = 0.861



# Formal Problem Statement

## Given

- a connected graph with  $N$  nodes
- number of coded packets,  $n$
- number of packets to receive for decoding,  $k$
- $\delta$  close to 0
- retransmission probability  $p$

## Define

$\mathcal{R}_{k,n} = \{ \text{nodes that receive at least } k \text{ out of } n \text{ coded packets} \}$

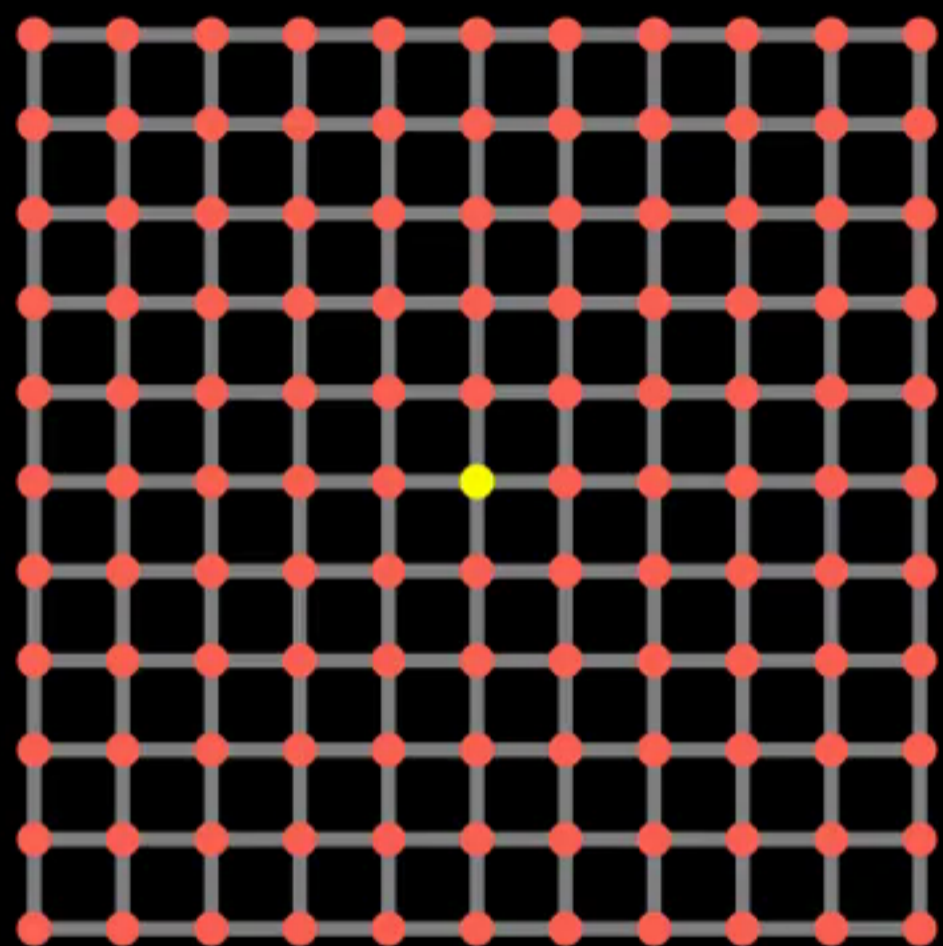
$|\mathcal{R}_{k,n}| = R_{k,n}$ : number of successful receivers

## Want to find

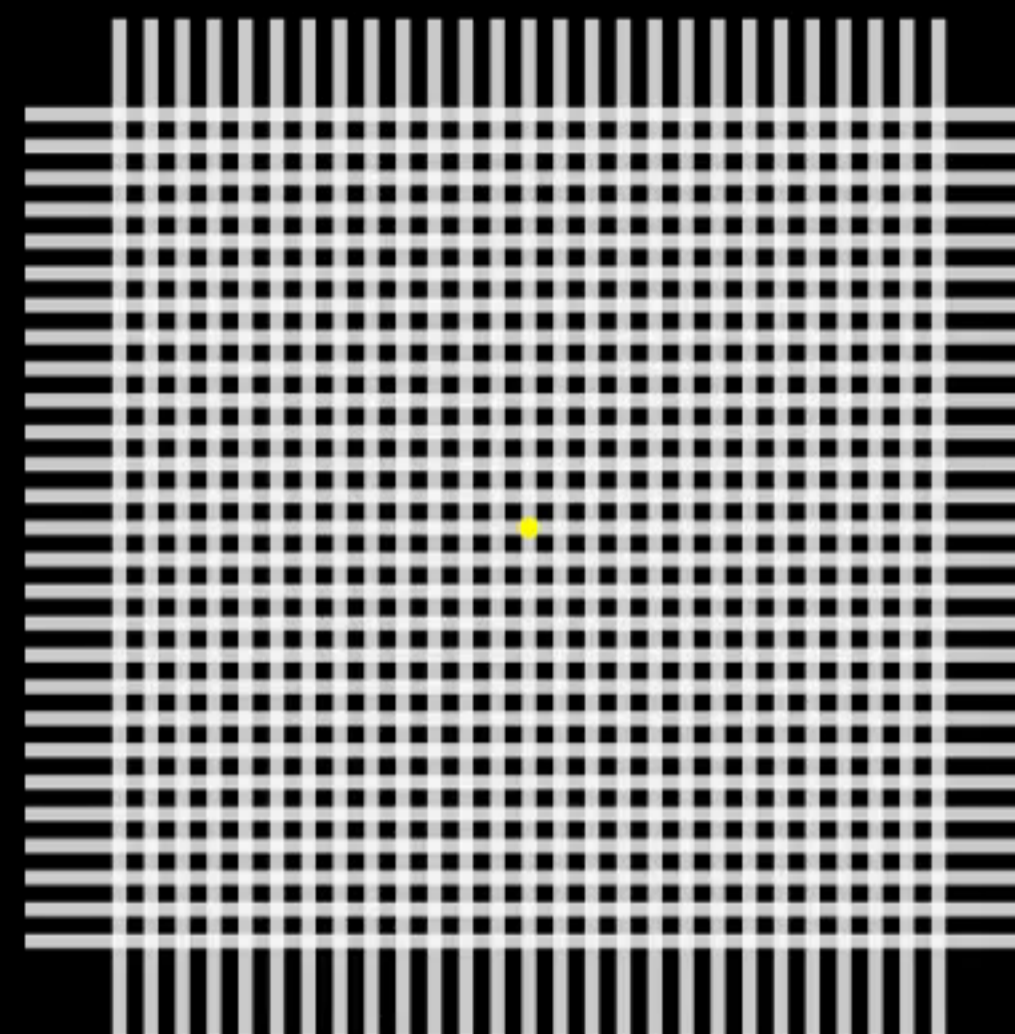
- $p_{k,n,\delta} =$  minimum  $p$  such that  $\mathbb{E}_p \left[ \frac{R_{k,n}}{N} \right] \geq 1 - \delta$ . (near broadcast)
- $\tau_{k,n,\delta} = \mathbb{E}_{p_{k,n,\delta}}$  [total # transmissions over all  $N$  nodes]

# On Grids

Probabilistic forwarding on the  
 $m \times m$  grid  $\Gamma_m$



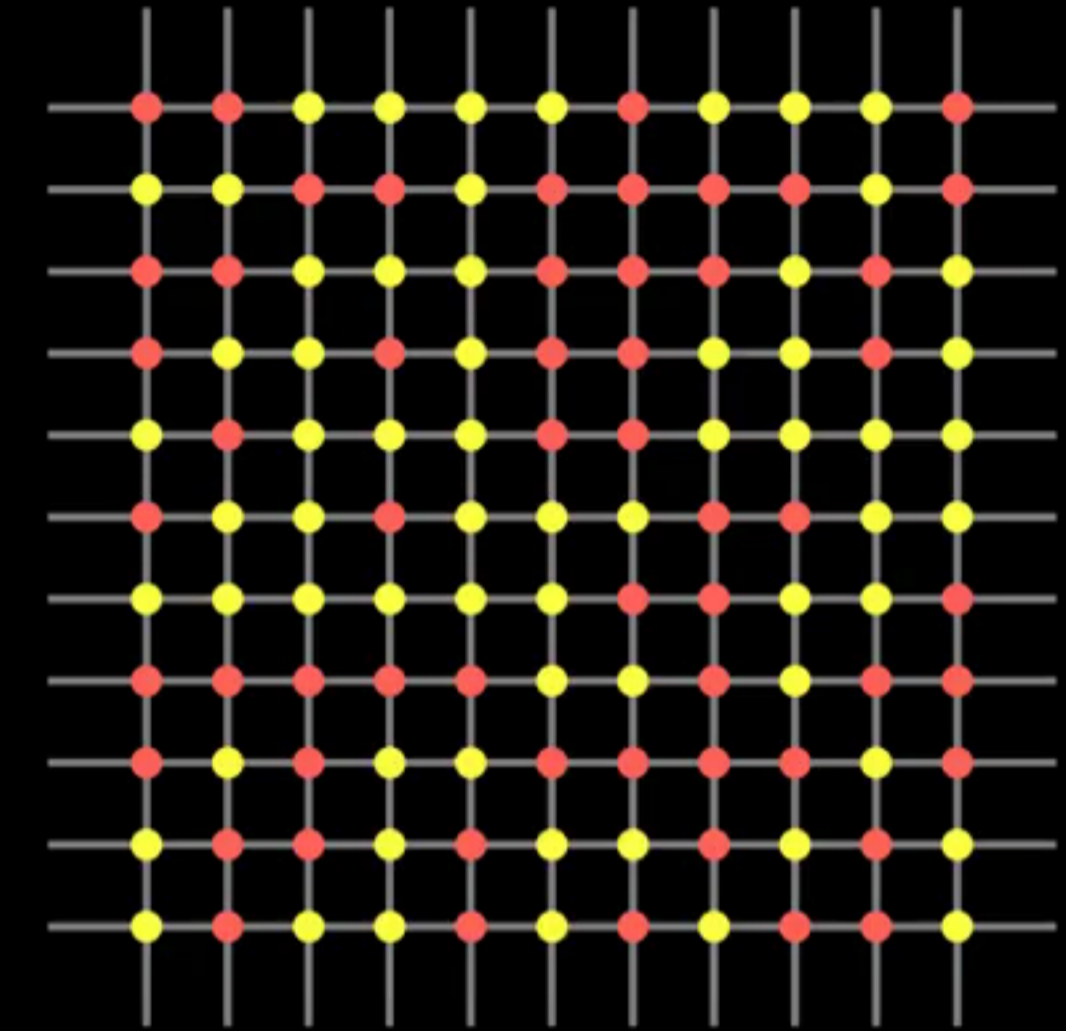
Probabilistic forwarding on the  
 $\mathbb{Z}^2$  lattice



We will use the **site percolation** process on  $\mathbb{Z}^2$   
to obtain estimates of  $p_{k,n,\delta}$  and  $\tau_{k,n,\delta}$

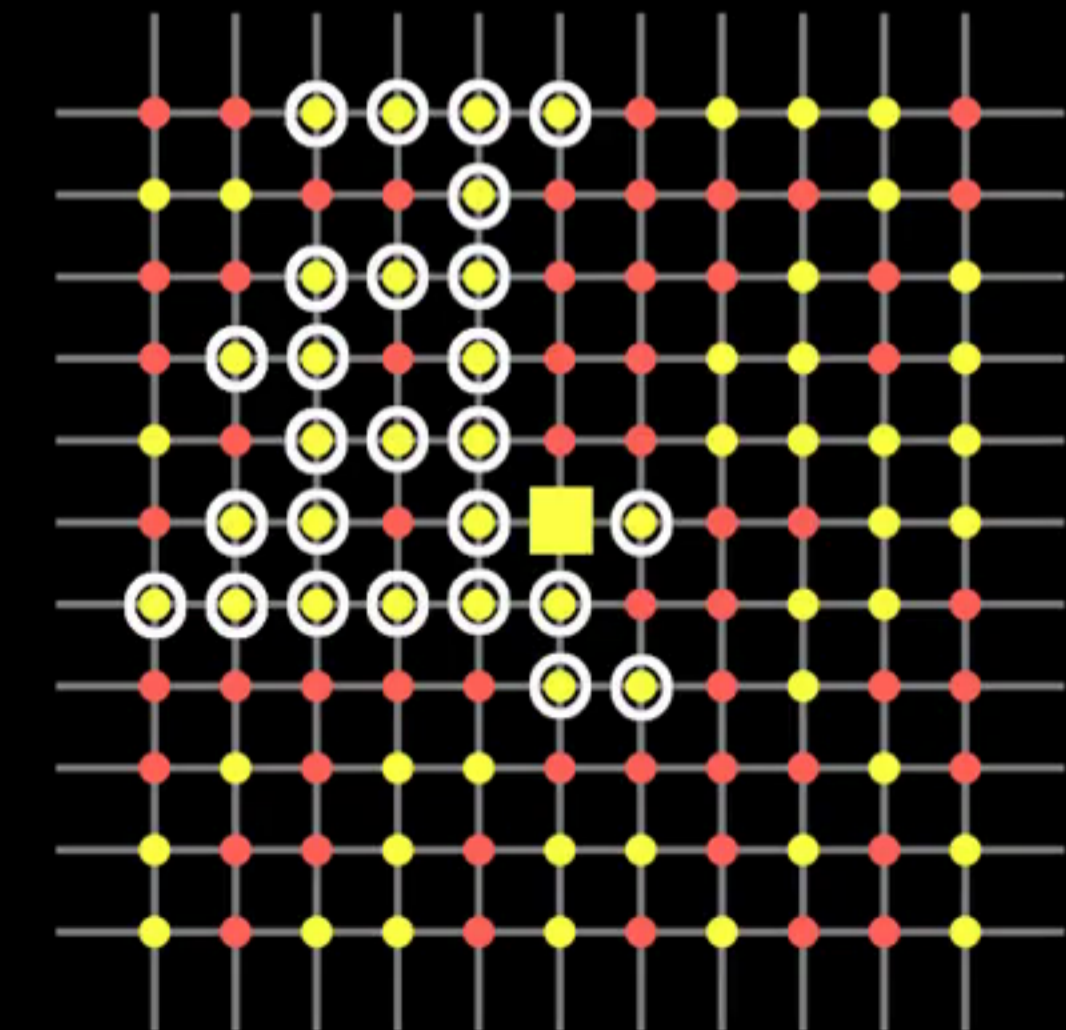
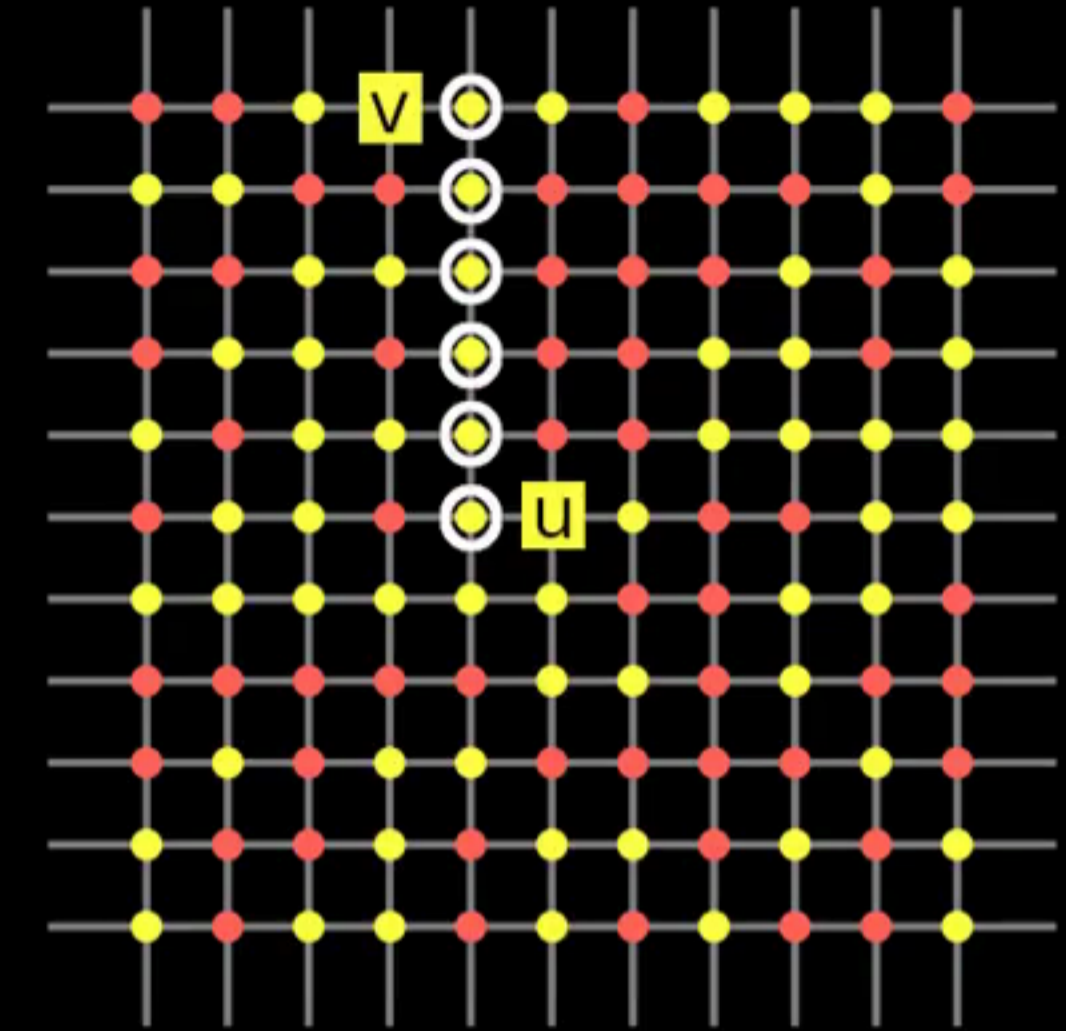
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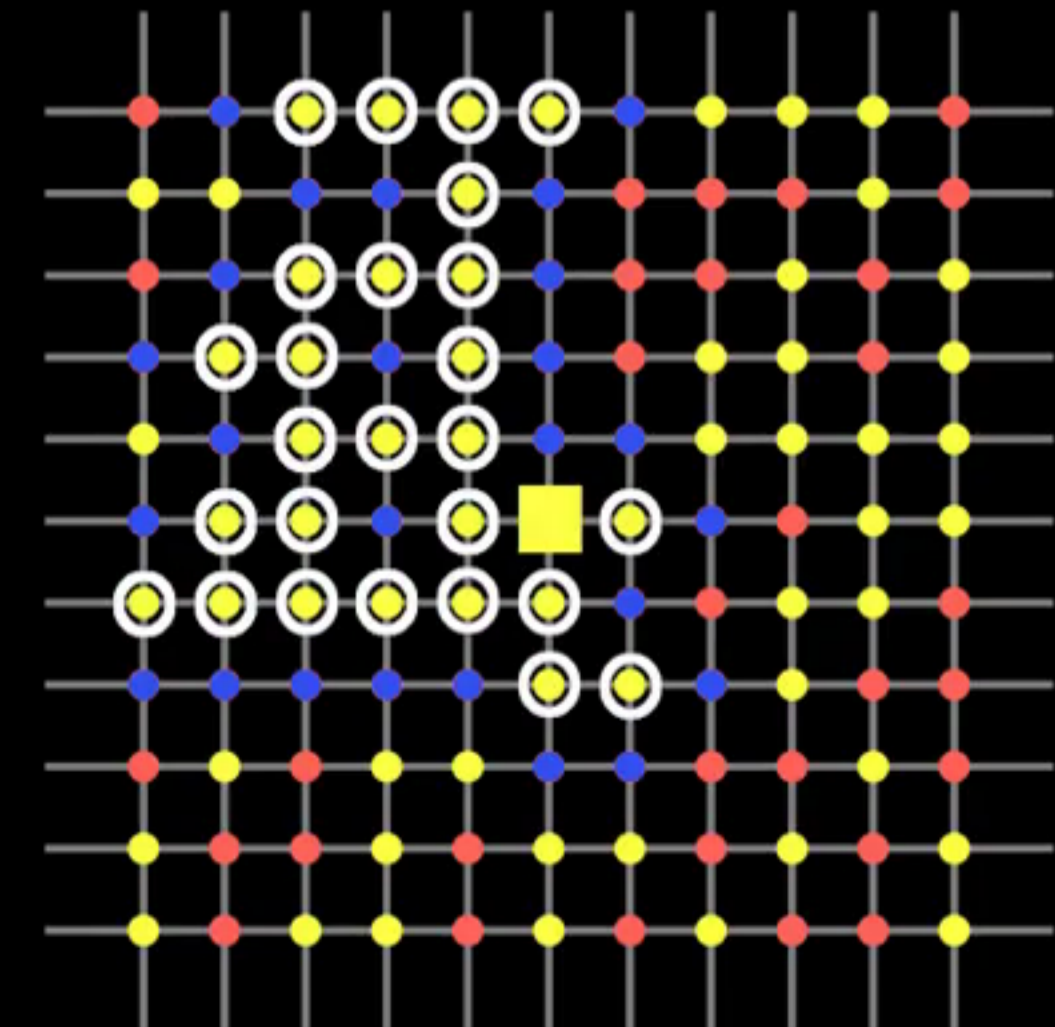
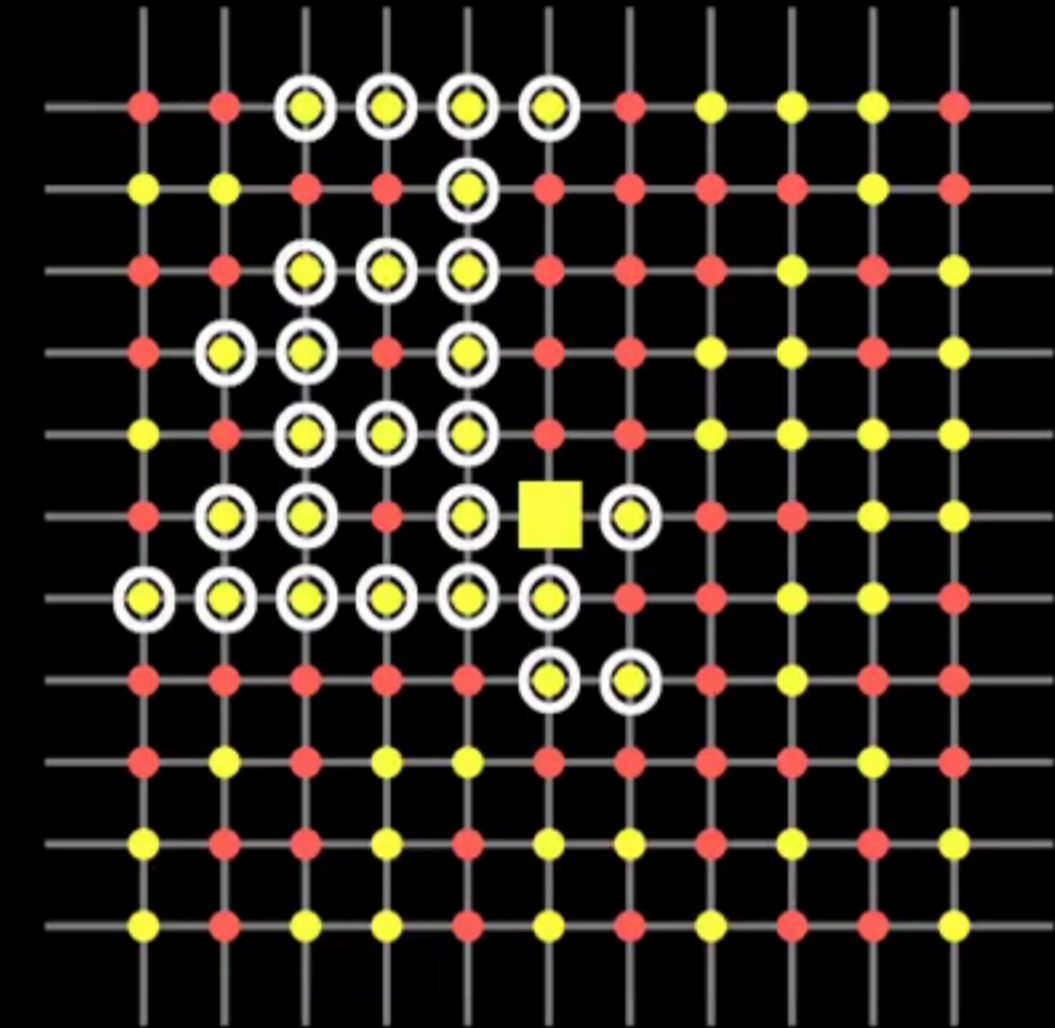


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- The set  $C_{\mathbf{0},j}^{\text{ext}} := C_{\mathbf{0},j} \cup \partial C_{\mathbf{0},j}$  is called the **extended cluster** of the origin.

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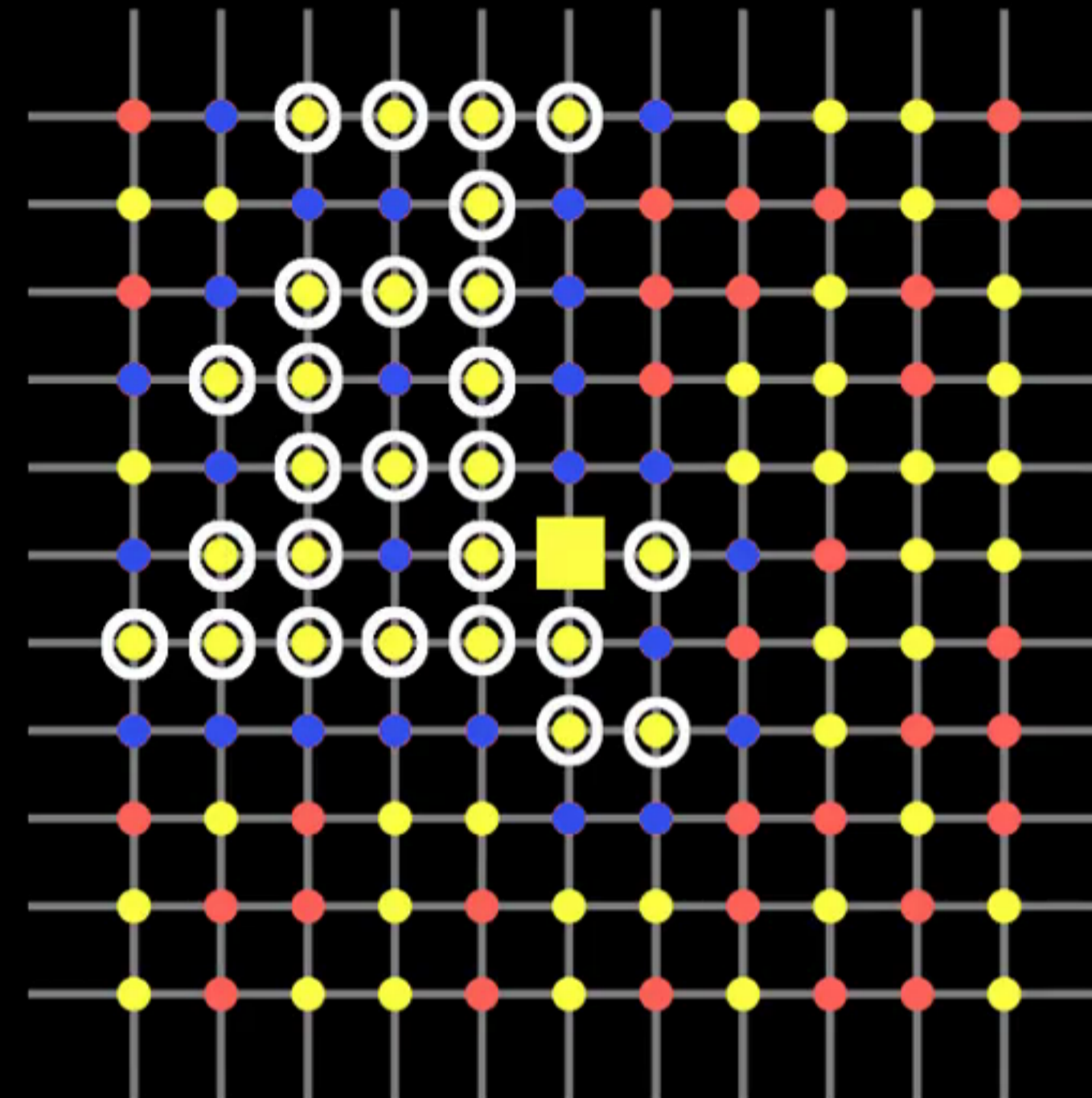
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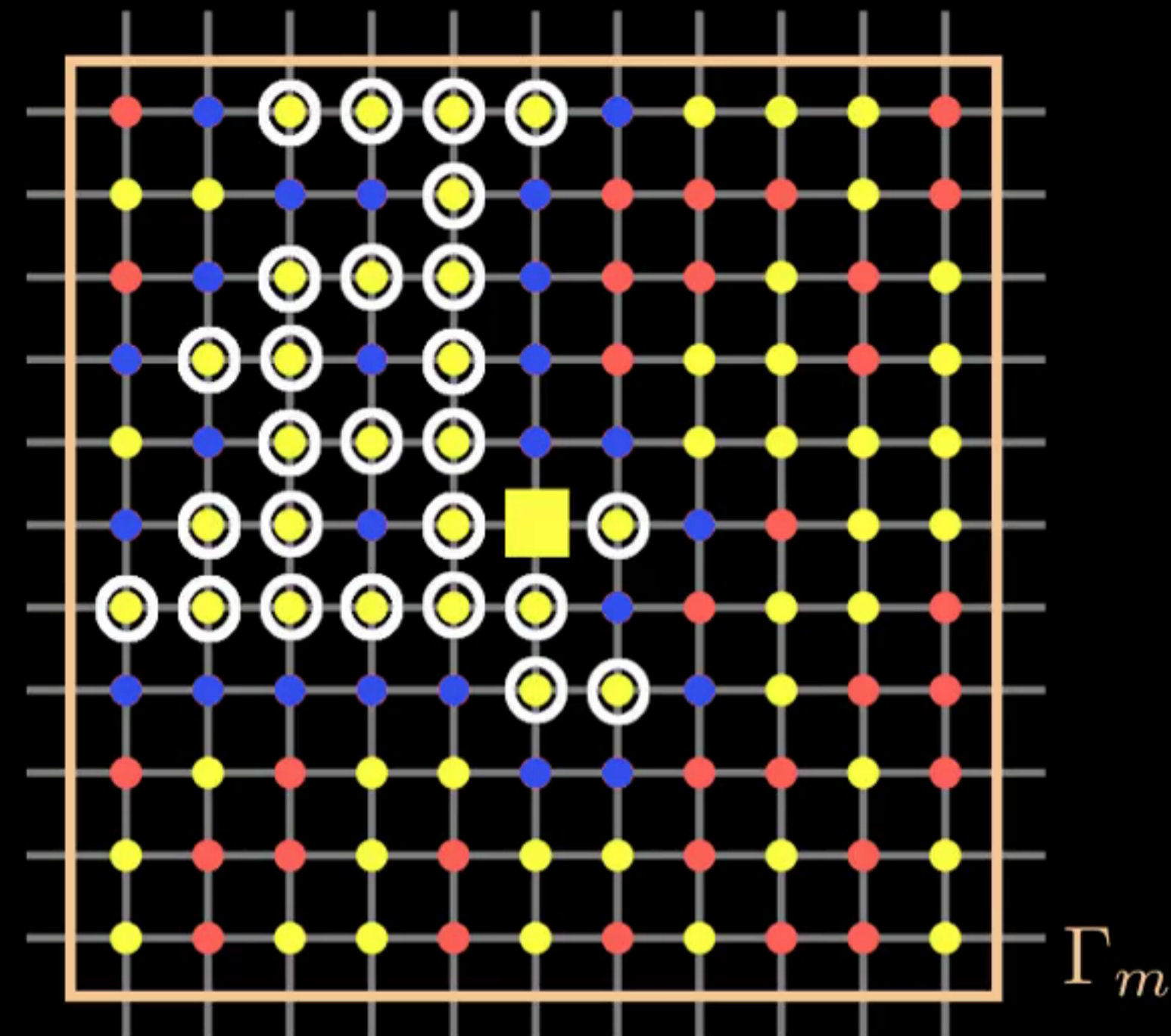
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## Ergodic theorems

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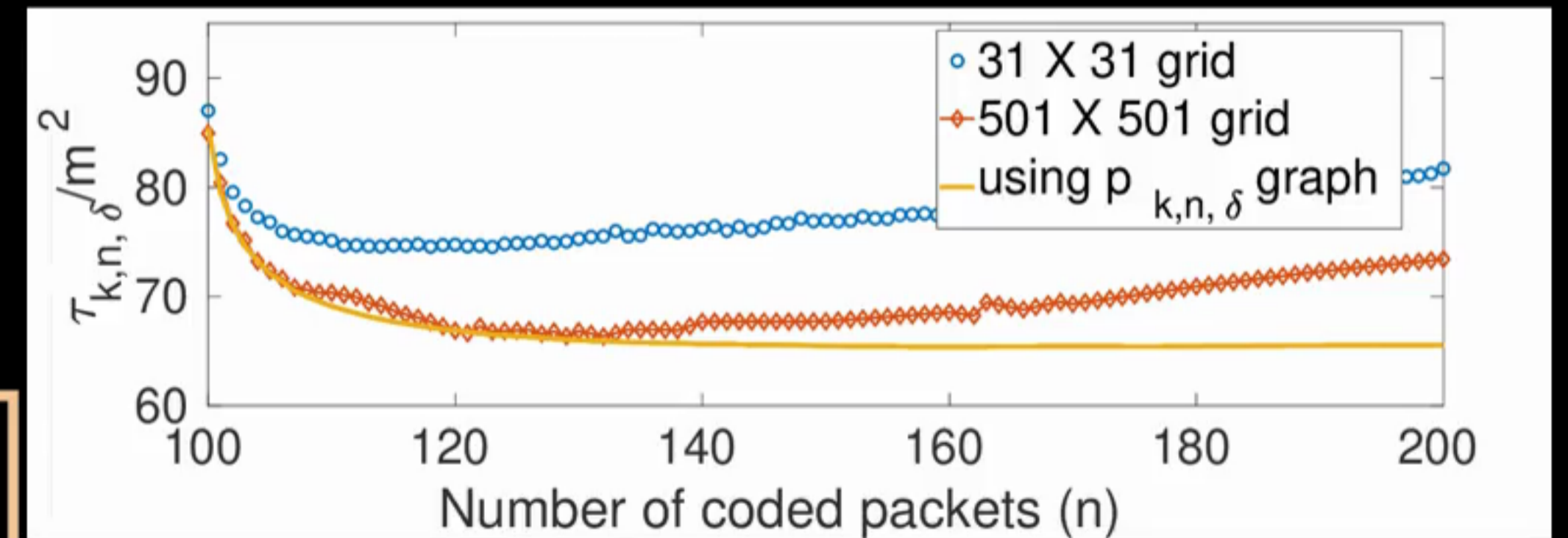
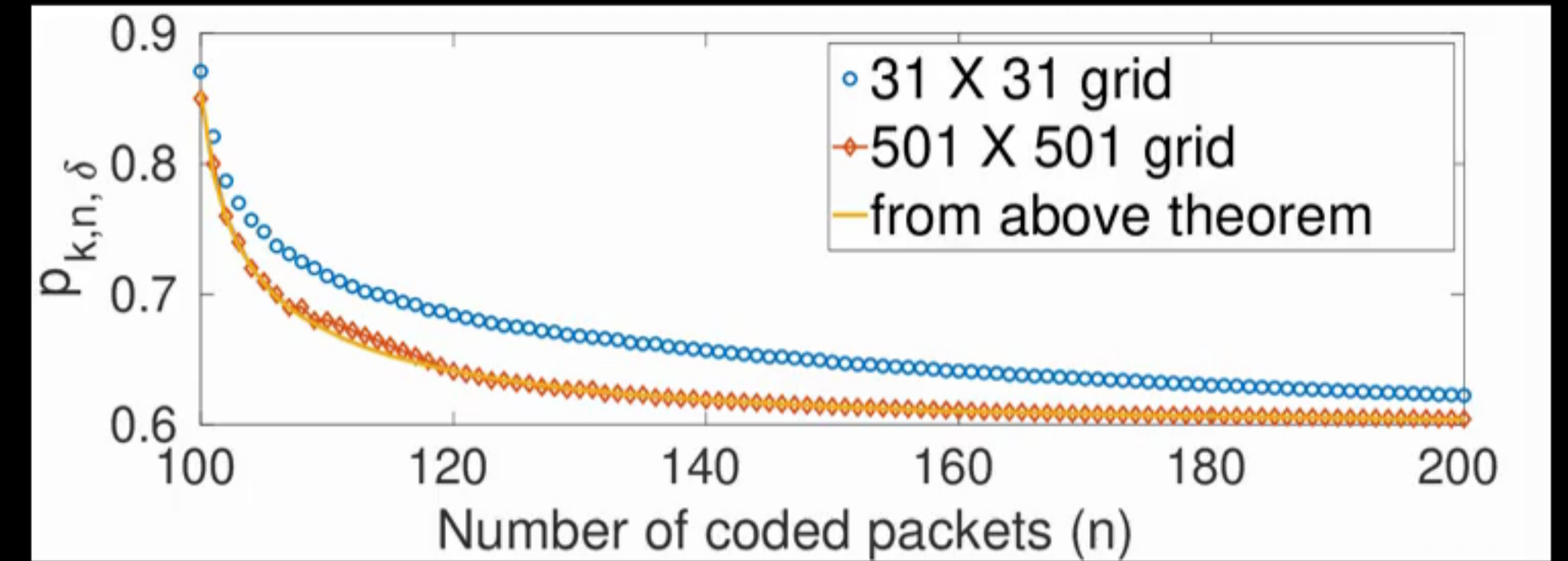
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**Conclusion:** Introducing coded packets with probabilistic forwarding on the grid reduces the **expected number of transmissions** while ensuring a **near-broadcast**.

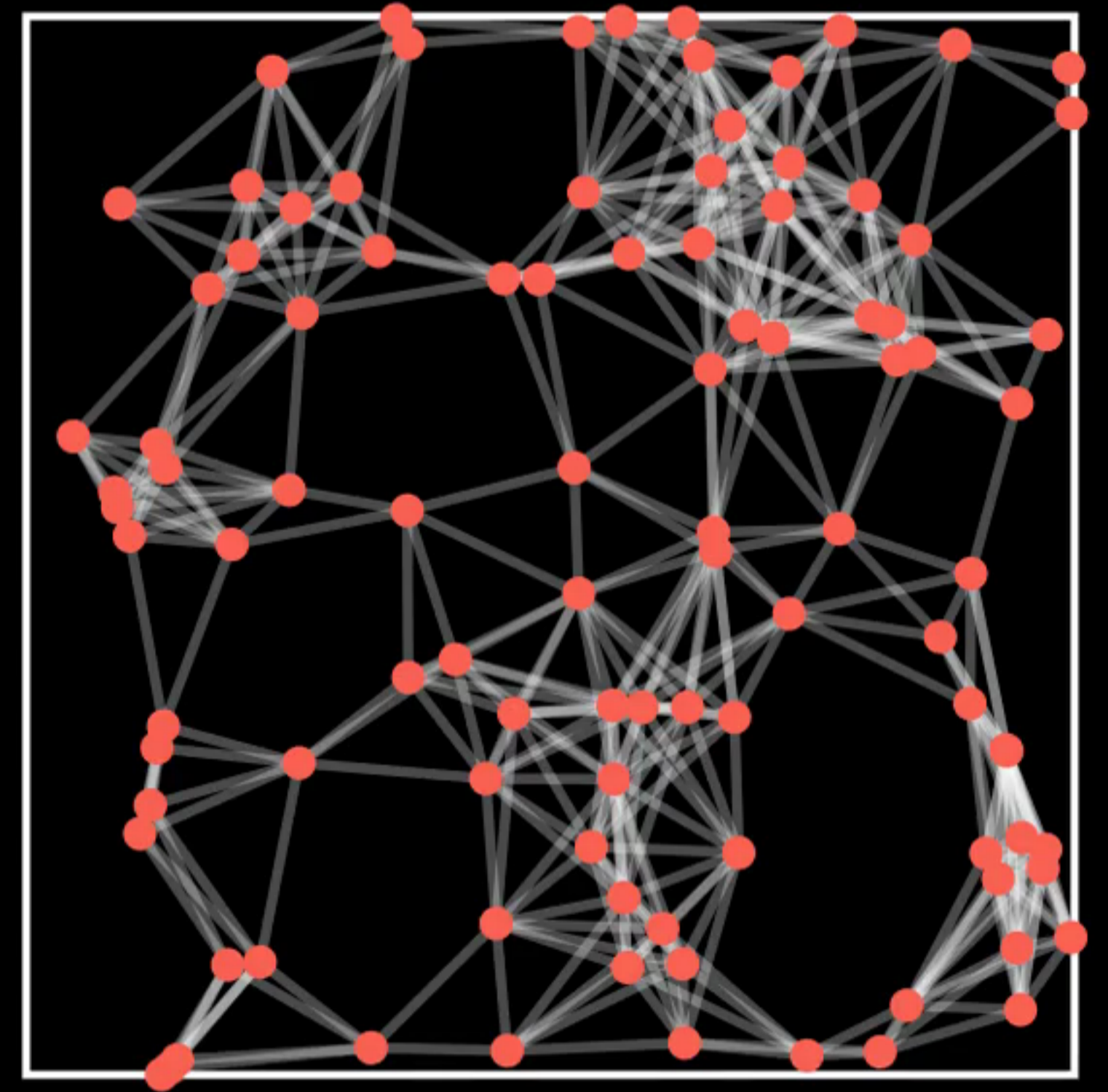
# Random Geometric Graphs

What is an RGG?

Intensity:  $\lambda$

Generating  $G_m \sim \text{RGG}(\lambda)$  on  $\Gamma_m = \left[-\frac{m}{2}, \frac{m}{2}\right]^2$

- Sample the number of points,  $N \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda m^2)$ .
- Choose points  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$  uniformly and independently from  $\Gamma_m$ . These form the points of a Poisson point process,  $\Phi$ , and constitute the vertex set of the RGG.
- Place an edge between any two vertices which are within unit distance of each other.





# Formulation

Where is the source?

- Include source at the origin.
- $\Phi^0 = \Phi \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ; Resulting graph  $G_m^0$
- Palm probability  $\mathbb{P}^0(\cdot) = \mathbb{P}(\Phi^0 \in \cdot)$

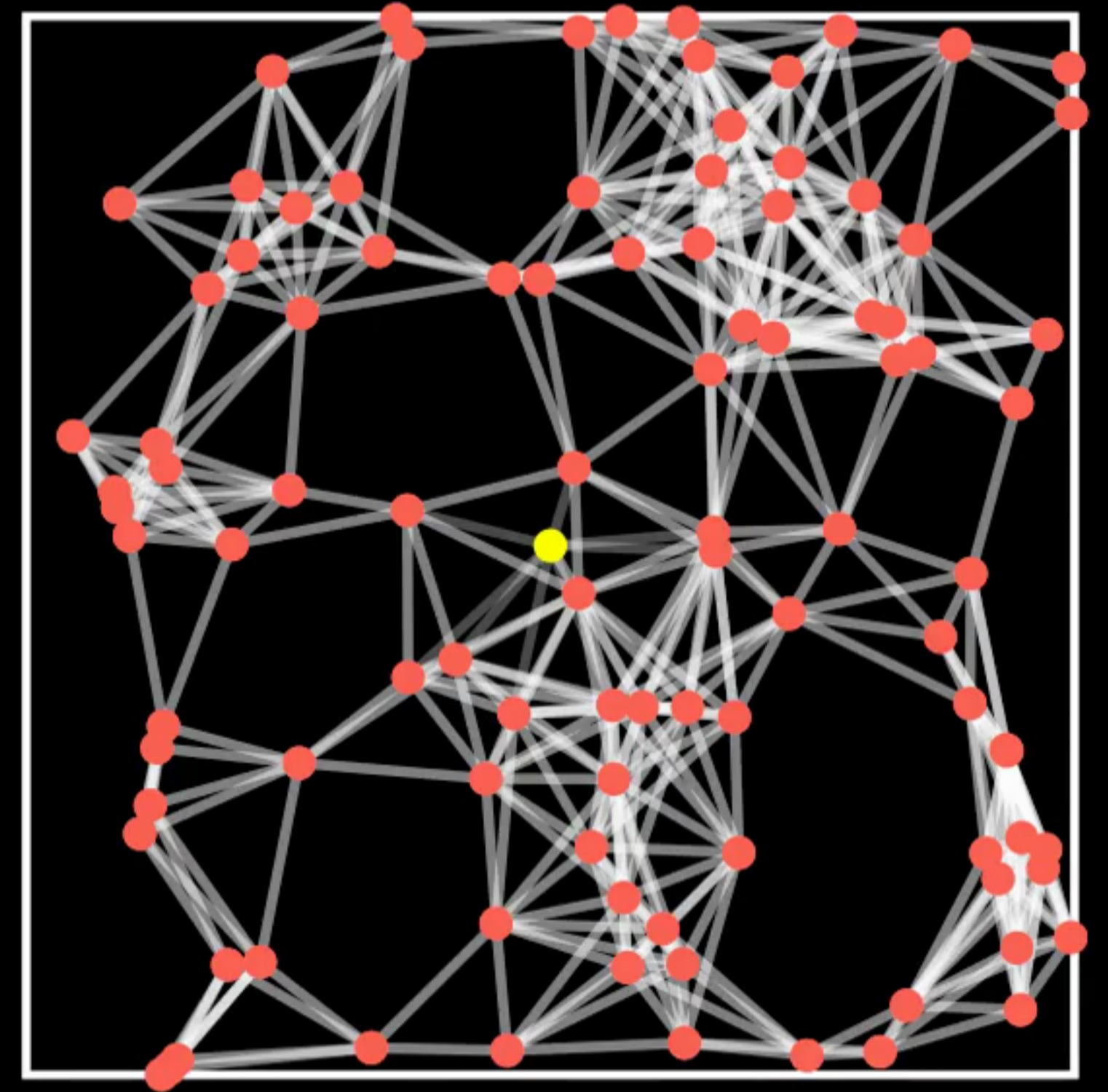
Is it always connected?

- Component of the origin,  $C_0 \equiv C_0(G_m^0)$ .

$R_{k,n}(G_m^0)$  - Successful receivers within  $C_0$

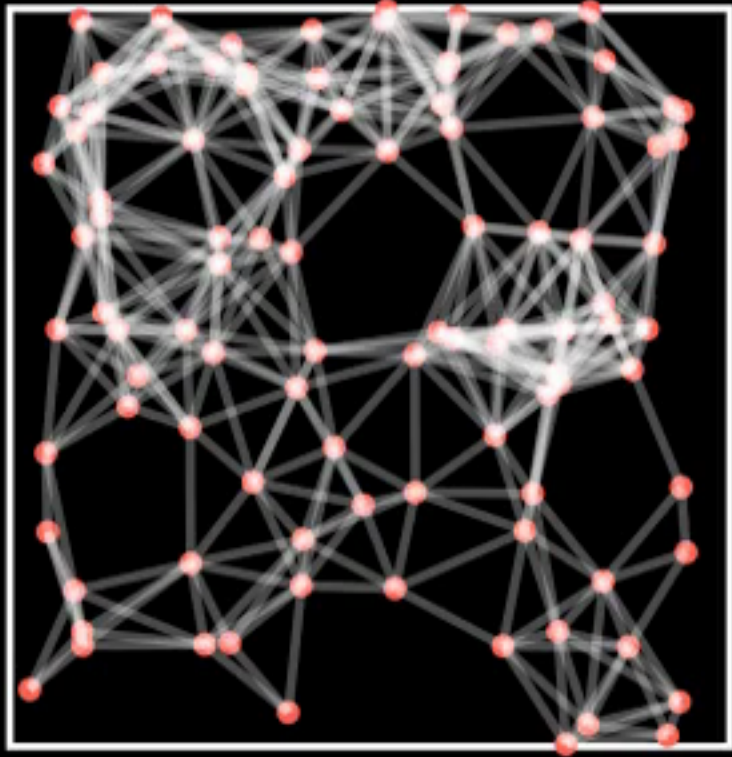
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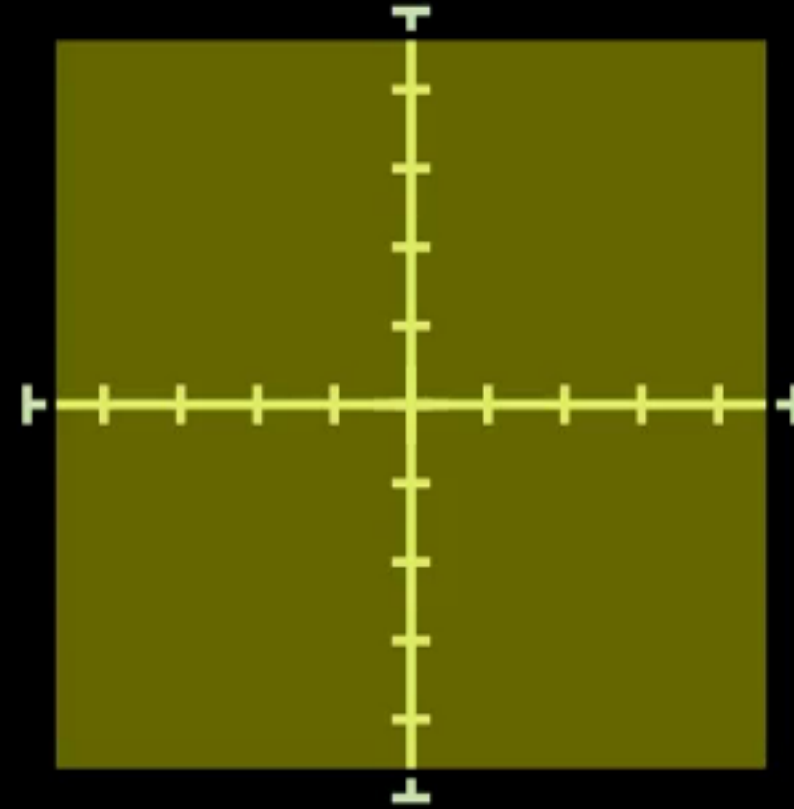


# Idea for Analysis

Probabilistic forwarding on RGG  
within  $\Gamma_m$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{G}_m^0$

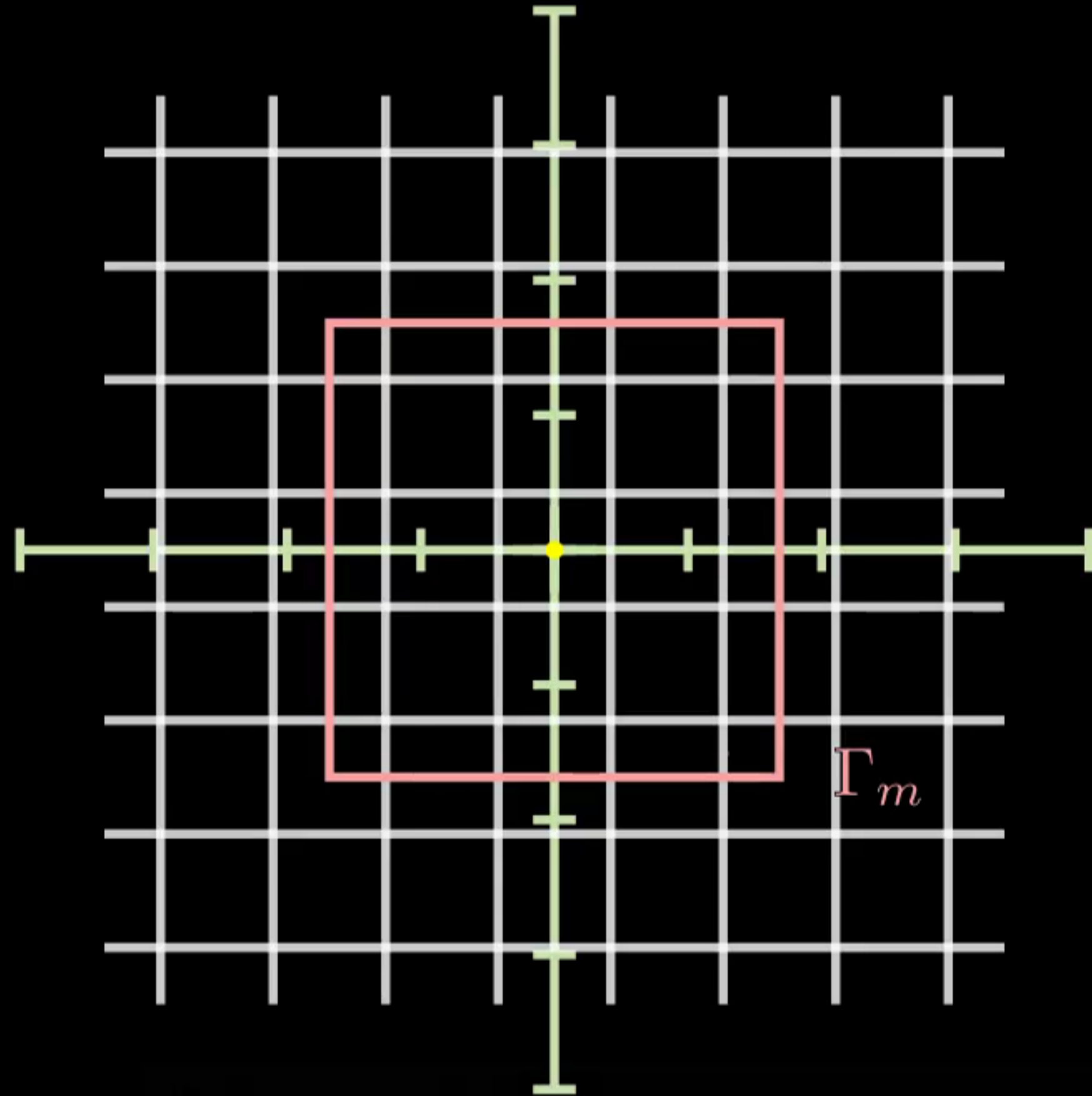


Probabilistic forwarding on RGG  
over  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^0$



We will use ideas from **continuum percolation** and **ergodic theory**  
to obtain estimates of  $p_{k,n,\delta}$  and  $\tau_{k,n,\delta}$

# RGG on the $\mathbf{R}^2$ plane



- Create a tiling of the  $\mathbf{R}^2$  plane.
- Generate independent Poisson point process of intensity  $\lambda$  on each tile.
- Add a point at the origin.
- Connect nodes within unit distance to obtain  $\mathcal{G}^0$ .

## Continuum percolation

- There exists a critical intensity,  $\lambda_c$  s.t. for  $\lambda > \lambda_c$  there exists a unique infinite cluster,  $C$ .
- Percolation probability:  
$$\theta(\lambda) = \mathbb{P}^0(\mathbf{0} \in C)$$
- Ergodic theorem: For  $\lambda > \lambda_c$ ,

$$\frac{|C \cap \Gamma_m|}{\lambda m^2} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \theta(\lambda) \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

# Palm probabilities

• Ergodic theorems:  $\mathbb{P}$  a.s. results;  $\mathbb{P}$  - distribution of  $\Phi$

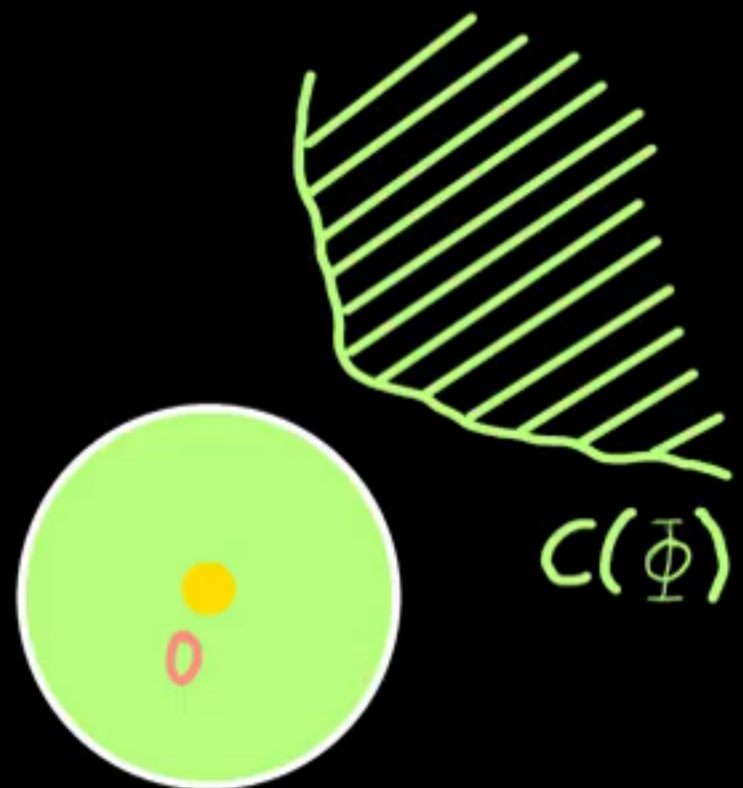
• We need w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P}^0$ ; distribution of  $\Phi^0 = \Phi \cup \{0\}$

**An example:** Let  $\lambda > \lambda_c$  and  $\mathcal{G} \sim \text{RGGG}(\lambda)$

$C(\Phi)$ : infinite cluster in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $C(\Phi^0)$ : infinite cluster in  $\mathcal{G}^0$

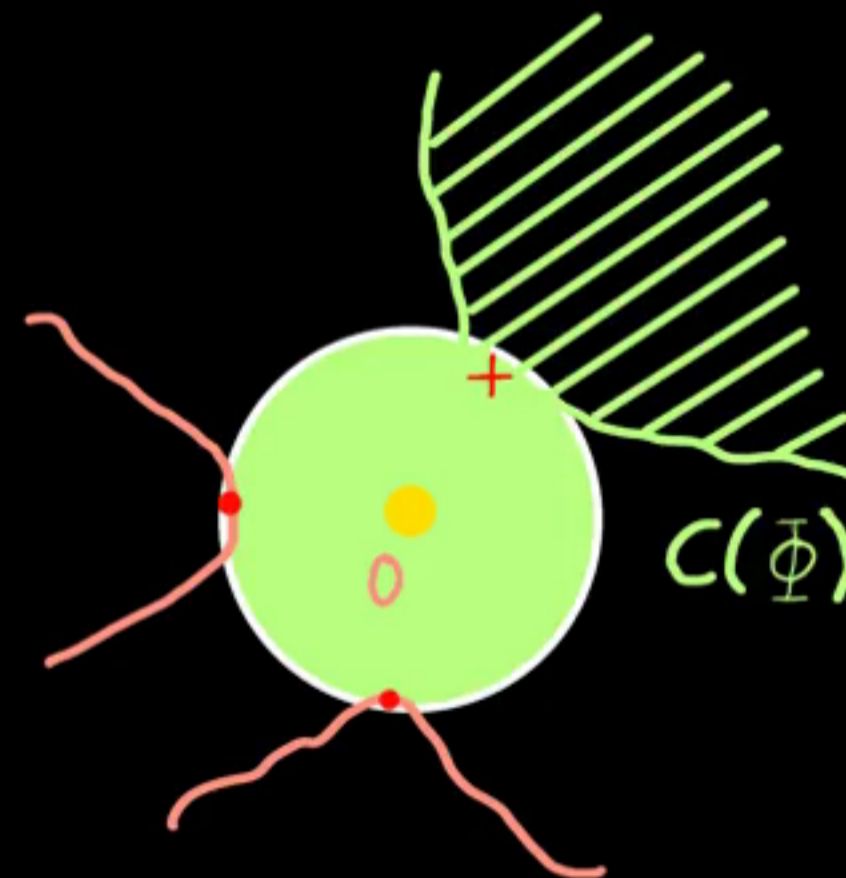
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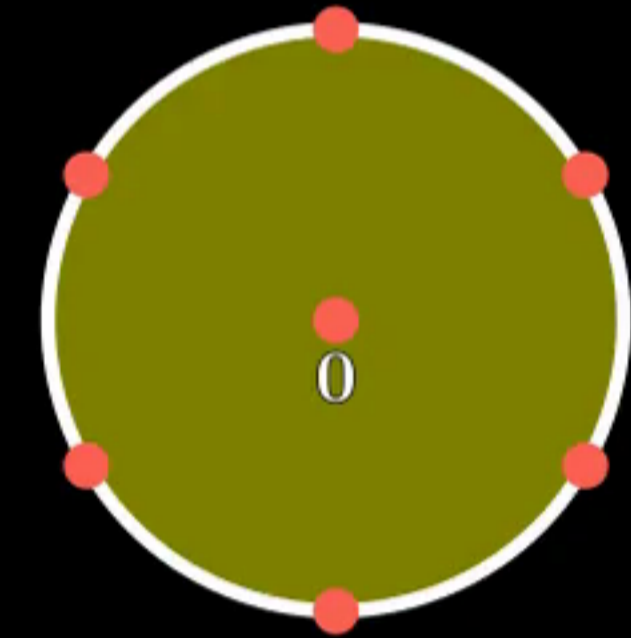
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$K \leq 6$  a.s.

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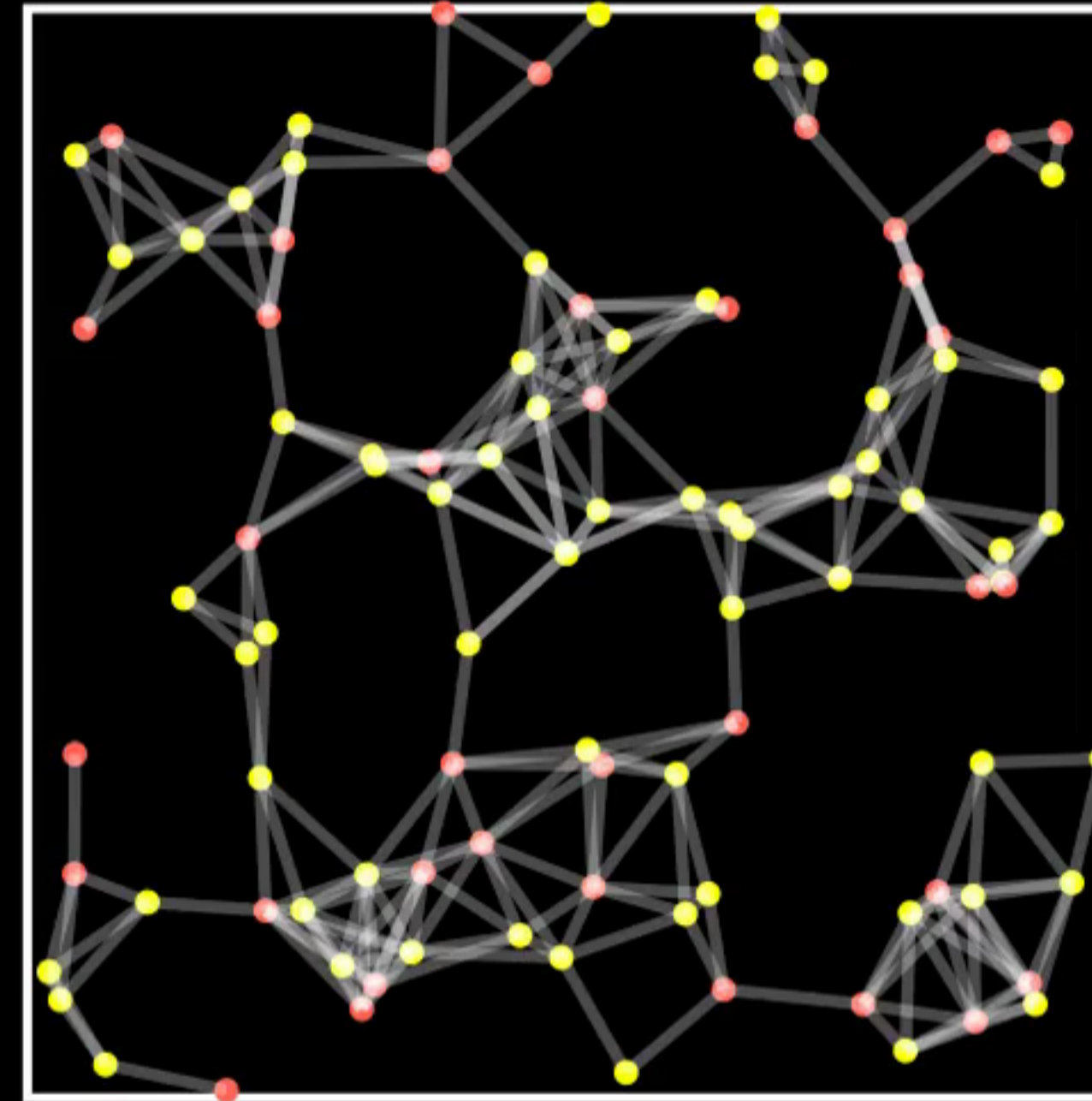
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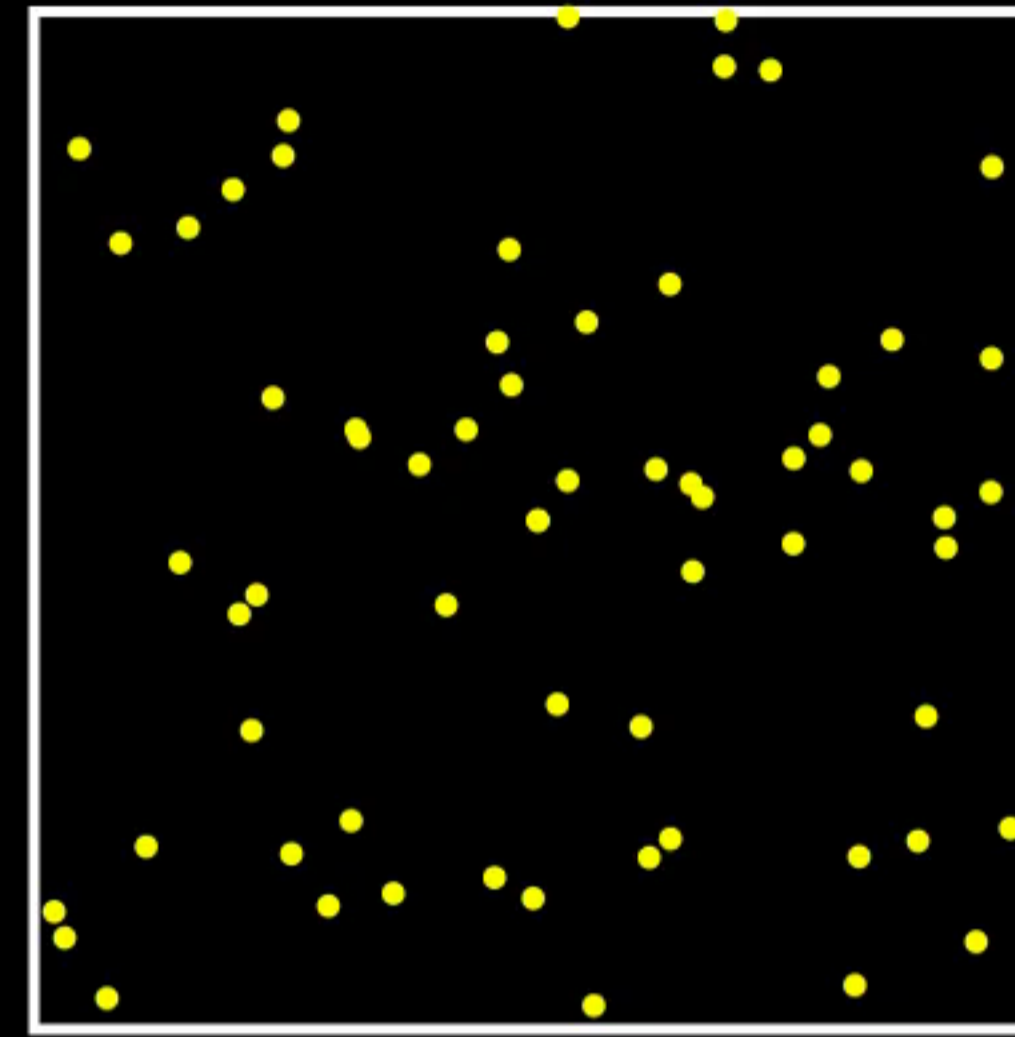
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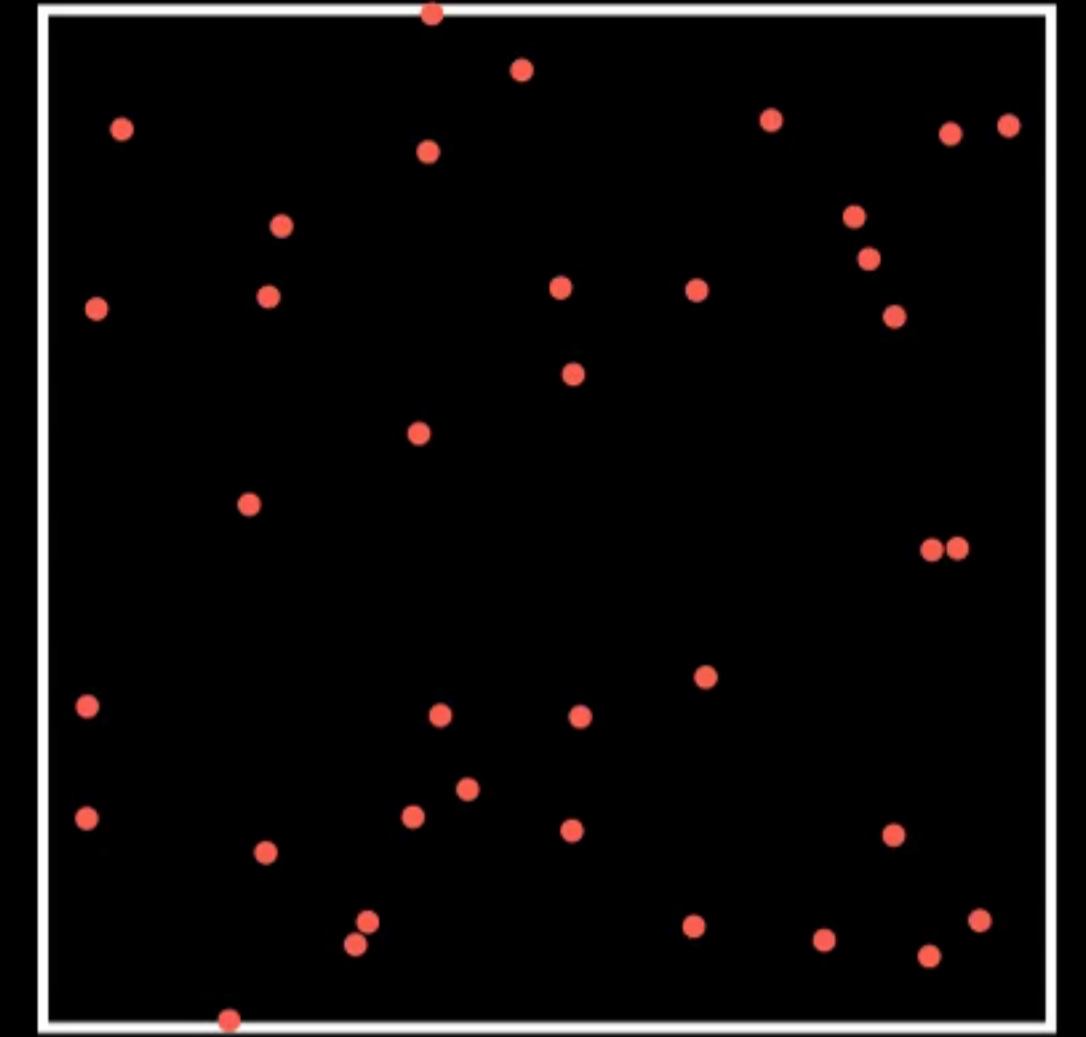
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PPP:  $\Phi^+$

Int.:  $\lambda p$



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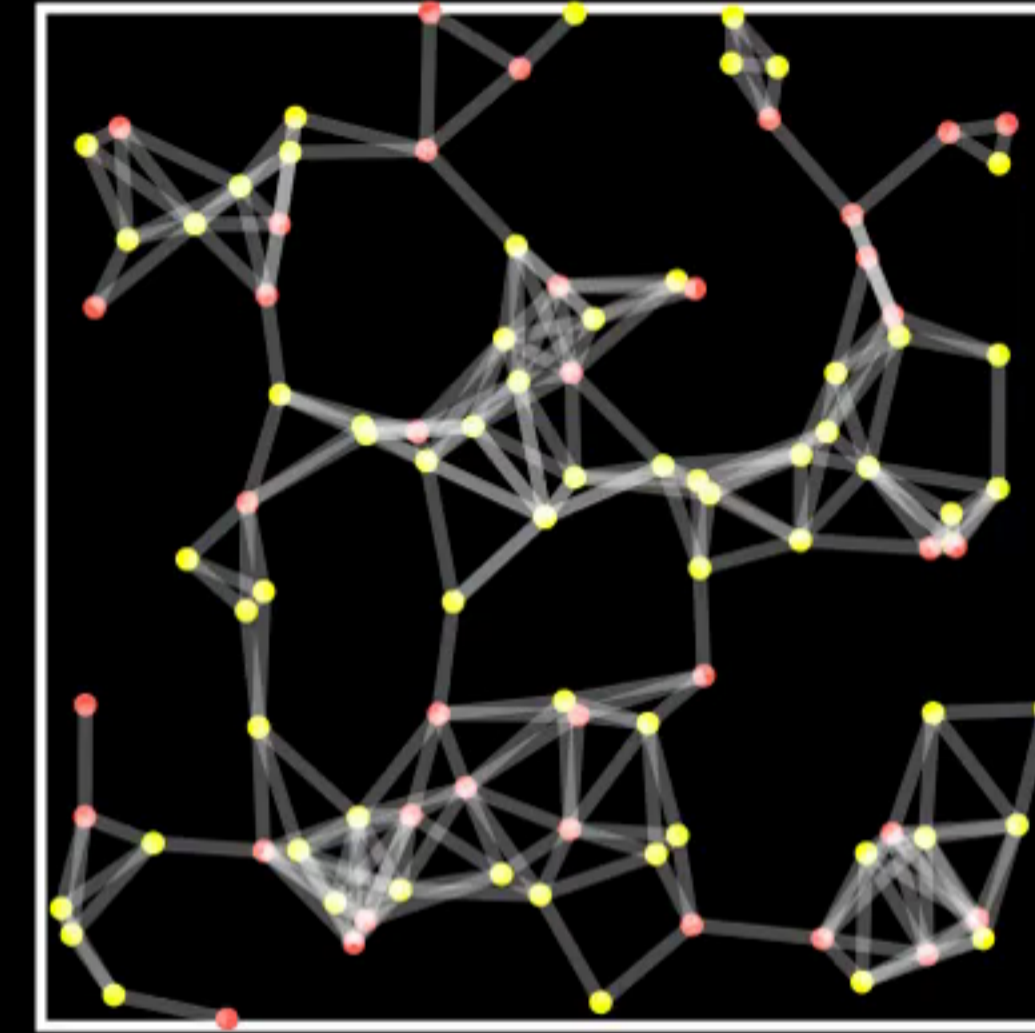
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- Receivers  $\Leftrightarrow \{\text{nodes in } \Phi^- \text{ adjacent to } C_0^+\} \cup C_0^+$

Mark:  $Z = 1$

Mark:  $Z = 0$

PPP:  $\Phi^+$

PPP:  $\Phi^-$

Int.:  $\lambda p$

Int.:  $\lambda(1 - p)$

Infinite cluster in  $\Phi^+$ :  $C^+$

Infinite extended cluster:  $C^{\text{ext}}$

## Probabilistic forwarding of $n$ pkts

- $\mathbb{K} = \{0, 1\}^n$
- Marks  $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n)$ , where  $Z_i(\cdot) \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Ber}(p) \forall i$

# Main results

$$p_{k,n,\delta} = \min \left\{ p \mid \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{R_{k,n}(G_m^{\mathbf{0}})}{|C_{\mathbf{0}}(G_m^{\mathbf{0}})|} \right] \geq 1 - \delta \right\}$$

Define

$$C_{k,n}^{\text{ext}} = \{\text{nodes present in at least } k \text{ out of } n \text{ IECs}\}$$

Theorem\*: For  $\lambda p > \lambda_c$ ,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{R_{k,n}(G_m^{\mathbf{0}})}{|C_{\mathbf{0}}(G_m^{\mathbf{0}})|} \right] = \frac{1}{\theta(\lambda)} \sum_{t=k}^n \sum_{\substack{T \subseteq [n] \\ |T|=t}} \theta_{k,t}^{\text{ext}} \mathbb{P}^{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{0} \in \text{IECs indexed by } T \text{ only}).$$

$$\text{where } \theta_{k,n}^{\text{ext}} \equiv \theta_{k,n}^{\text{ext}}(\lambda, p) = \mathbb{P}^{\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{0} \in C_{k,n}^{\text{ext}})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \lambda p_{k,n,\delta} > \lambda_c, \quad \tau_{k,n,\delta} &\approx nm^2 \lambda p_{k,n,\delta} (\theta(\lambda p_{k,n,\delta}))^2 \\ &= n (\lambda p_{k,n,\delta} m^2) \theta(\lambda p_{k,n,\delta}) \times \theta(\lambda p_{k,n,\delta}) \end{aligned}$$



Thank you !!